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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicant hereby attaches an English translation of the German Office Action previously forwarded. Copies of the prior art references mentioned therein were previously forwarded. Thus, no copies are being filed now.

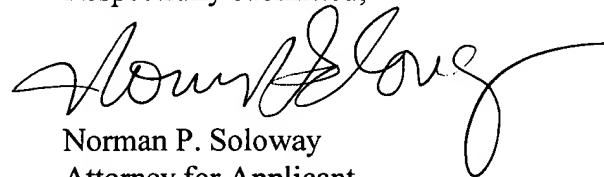
In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits the enclosed translation of the Official Action by the German Examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a German patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the German Examiner or the claims of the German application under the laws of the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the German Examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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